Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I had asked our Chief Engineer to visit that area and make a report to the Government. I am still awaiting the report from the Chief Engineer.

Starting of Aluminium Industry

*Q.—21. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknayakanahalli).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the estimated Bauxite Deposits available roundabout Bhatkal ;

(*b*) the quality of ore found ;

(*c*) whether Government intend to start an aluminium based Chemical Industry, there ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) About 2.5 million tonnes.

(*b*) The ore analysis is from 45 per cent Al_2O_3 to 50 per cent Al_2O_3. It is high in Silica content varying from 6 to 10 per cent.

(*c*) No.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In answer to my question, it is said that the quantity of bauxite deposits in that area is 2.5 million tonnes. If this huge quantity is not utilised, is it not a national loss ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I did not follow the question.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—You have stated in answer to (*c*), "No". Is it not time to consider the starting of an aluminium based industry ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Government is considering it. We have to know exactly how we can start industries, who can start industries, because we find that it is not a superior variety of bauxite.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Just because it is not superior bauxite, is it not possible to start some other industry other than using it as bauxite, eliminating aluminium hydroxide, and aluminium sulphide ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The whole thing is being considered, taking into account the quality of the ore available. The Hon'ble Member seems to know much more of chemistry than I do. If he can give any suggestion, I would be very happy and grateful to him.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—The other point is: you said that there is a high percentage of silica. Is it not possible to eliminate silica if it is in physical form ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is too much for me to answer. I want notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್. — ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ — ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಲಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದ್ದು ಅದು 6 ಪರಸೆಂಟ್‌ನಿಂದ 10 ಪರಸೆಂಟ್‌ವರೆಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಮತ್ತು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನೇನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ? ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ, ಎನ್ನುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ವಿಷಯ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಈಗತಾನೆ ಕಂಡುಹಿಡಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇನ್ನೂ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಪೆಸ್ಟ್ ಕೋಸ್ಟ್ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ, ಏನೇನು ಸಿಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಈಗಲೇ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ಕೆಲವು ತಿಂಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನೇನು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ ಅದೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಡೋಣ. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಡೆಯುತಾ, ಇದೆ.

Mr SPEAKER.—'No' is only for the present as per present advice. Later, if circumstances are favourable, it may be done.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಈಗ ಬಂದಿರುವ ವರದಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಏನೂ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗೊತ್ತಾದಮೇಲೆ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—What is the distance between the present aluminium factory that is proposed to be started and this bauxite deposit ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The present factory that is to be started and for which positive steps have been taken by a private firm, is in Belgaum. The distance is possibly about 200 miles or so.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Since how long is this proposal to start the aluminium factory, pending ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is not a case of pending. Acquisition of land has been made; buildings are going up; license has been given and possibly it is at the stage when they are to import machinery. This has been going on from three or four years.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that in Madras they have already started though they initiated the proposal after us and that factory has entered into production ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—This is a very big factory and we have not got this bauxite. Formerly the discussion was with the Ex-Bombay State and then it went away. Now as a result of understanding between the new Maharashtra State and this State, we have to start the factory. It is a factory which may mean Rs. 90 crores, unlike a small factory at Madras. It is not easy to find money.

Enhancement of Retirement Age

*Q.—84. Sri R. N. LAKSHMIPATHI (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the age of retirement of officials and Teachers in Education Department has been enhanced from 55 to 58 years ;

(*b*) if so, why Government has not extended the same benefit to all the officials of the other departments ?